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Articles on Earthquakes.

Special to The New York Times.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 21.—Prof. Ralph Stockman Tarr of the Department of Physical Geography at Cornell University, one of the best known geographers in the United States and an authority on glaciers and earthquakes, died suddenly from cerebral hemorrhage this afternoon at his home on the Cornell University Campus. He was ill last week with sore throat, but apparently was recovering from this trouble, and his death came entirely unexpectedly.

Prof. Tarr once led a Cornell expedition to Greenland, and he spent several Summers in Alaska at the head of the expedition for the United States Geological Survey. In recent years he spent his Summers in Alaska studying the glacial region for the National Geographic Society. His articles in THE NEW YORK TIMES on earthquakes after the San Francisco disaster was regarded as one of the standard contributions of the time.

Prof. Tarr was born in Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 15, 1864, the son of Silas Stockman and Abigail (Saunders) Tarr. He was graduated from the Lawrence Scientific School, and from Harvard in 1891. He was Assistant United States Fish Commissioner, in 1882-83, when he was connected with the Smithsonian Institute. He was Assistant Geologist of the Texas Geological Survey in 1888 and 1891. He was Assistant in Geology at Harvard, 1890-91, and was professor of dynamic geology and physical geography, 1897-1908. He was special field assistant of the United States Geological Survey since 1903.

Prof. Tarr was a member of the A. A. A. S., the Geological Society of America, the Geological Society of Washington, the National Geographical Society, the New York State Science Teachers' Association, the N. E. A., the Association of American Geographers, and the Sigma Xi fraternity. He was foreign correspondent of the Geological Society of London. In addition to several text books, Prof. Tarr compiled a Physical Geography of New York State, and wrote monographs on geographical and geological topics.